

## NATIVES OF PEKIN CRYING FOR FOOD.

Famine and Plague Will Extinguish the Cooped-Up Population.

SUPPLIES MUST COME SOON.

Foraging Parties Have Devastated the Surrounding Country, and Farmers Have Left Their Crops Standing.

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Pekin, Sept. 2.—(Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.)—Food is the great and immediate problem in Pekin. The gnawings of hunger have caused the half-starved, sore-torn, and belated to crawl from their dirty hovels and beg food from their enemies.

For fear of their lives the resident Chinese have kept behind closed shutters and peered with frightened eyes through openings in their doors. Many of the better class have food, but it is the others who are staking their lives against the chance of securing a mouthful to ease the hunger pains. The city is an armed camp and is divided into national districts, each Power represented holding a gate in the great wall and guarding a gate in the forbidden city, which is again closed to the foreigners and Chinese alike, so that none shall escape who are within and none without shall find refuge there.

There are 10,000 Christian Chinese here who are almost entirely dependent upon the Europeans. Besides these are the hundreds of Chinese cooped up within the walls of the city, without work or means of getting out to the country. Famine and plague will extinguish the population unless food be supplied by the foreign nations.

Already funds are being started to buy these people supplies. The proceeds are lost secured by American soldiers are to be used for this purpose, but the sum realized will only be a drop in the bucket.

The proposition of wintering troops here is anything but hopeful. The winter climate of Pekin is severe. Already one blanket is hardly sufficient to keep one warm during the night. In December, January and February the thermometer sinks to 30 and 40 below zero. Frost and snow are frequent. The region and roads are made to be brought up by the Russians, but so complete was its destruction that the work is very slow.

Added to these are the difficulties of the most sanguine calculate that at least two more months will elapse before the path, the crops within scores of miles of Pekin have been left to rot by frightened farmers, who fled at the approach of troops.

Foraging parties of all nationalities have scoured the country for twenty miles or more from Pekin and gathered in all the cattle, chickens, sheep and ducks, sometimes paying for them and sometimes not, as suited their mood.

The Pei-Ho River is hardly larger than a good-sized creek and the difficulties of transportation are something terrible. All supplies have to be brought up on old-style junkies or scows against the stream by coals.

The old stone road that runs from Tunghchow to Pekin is worse than eight inches of mud. The ground is water, and in many places missing altogether. The road, there, is not used by the troops, but is utilized for a foot passage for the coolie gangs.

With these difficulties it is just possible at present to keep the army supplied, and not any too well at that. Only this week orders have been issued excluding coolies and missionaries from buying commissaries. The fuel question is also one that is arousing grave apprehension. At present the fuel is peace, was expensive in Pekin, and when the troops entered the city the stored supply was very meagre. At present the fuel is peace, was expensive in Pekin, and when the troops entered the city the stored supply was very meagre.

Coal is a scarce article and the present supply will not last long.

SPITE-FENCE OWNER FINED.

Mr. Tempel Says Tenants Complain of Negro Neighbors.

Theodore H. Tempel of No. 313 Washington avenue was a defendant in the First District Police Court yesterday morning to prosecute Charles Nolte, whom they arrested last week at Sixth and Elm streets on "good faith" principle. A charge of lilying was placed against him. When arrested, Nolte attempted to throw away cigarette box, which contained a small bottle, said to contain "knock-out" drops. The bottle was offered in evidence yesterday morning. Nolte declared that the medicine was given to him by a physician for rheumatism. City Attorney Taylor proposed that he take a dose of the medicine in court to prove his assertion, but he refused, and Judge Siderer thereupon imposed a fine of \$20.

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Prisoner, Who Evaded Judge Siderer's Test, Is Fined.

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WHEN A HOUSEWIFE SEES THE TRADE-MARK BELOW on Agate-Ware it is safe to buy, and not till then.

NO POISONOUS LURE IN AGATE-WARE. It is safe to buy, and not till then.

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# Interesting Money-Saving Offerings.



## Handkerchief Bargains.

2,000 dozen "Reconds," imported by us direct from St. Gall, Switzerland, and just received. We divide the entire shipment in two splendid lots. They consist of Ladies' Fine Quality Swiss Handkerchiefs, exquisitely embroidered and scalloped in the latest and tasteful designs—no prettier handkerchiefs could be desired, and the trifling imperfections are hardly discernible to the naked eye—their presence makes the price half and less than half, though!

Lot 1—worth 10c  
25c and 25c, at 10c  
Lot 2—worth 15c  
35c and 40c, at 15c

## Charming Coats and Costumes



On the second floor—a most comprehensive and fascinating display—the handiwork of America's best tailors, including also many striking garments from foreign fashion centers. Richly trimmed costumes, elegant gowns, stylish blouses ornamented with gold, jet and braid; three-quarter length and full-length coats, handsome suits, skirts, waists and a host of fashionable apparel, of which we have space to mention only a few. Twenty per cent discount on all imported novelty suits and costumes bought expressly for our fall opening.

### Newest Ideas in Tailor-Made Suits.

**\$20.00**—For Silk-Lined Tailor-Made Suits, in single or double-breasted effects, made of imported covert cloth, in castor, brown, blue or Oxford; skirt in seven-gored style, with a very decided flare; entire suit lined with self-colored taffeta silk.

**\$15.00**—For a Handsome Russian Blouse Suit of covert or homespun; blouse handsomely trimmed with taffeta and stitching, with seven-gored flaring skirt; blouse lined with taffeta silk, skirt percaleine lined.

**\$10.00**—At this price we have a choice collection of man-tailored Suits, some of the best styles that have been offered this season, in single or double-breasted effects, plain or trimmed suit; made from this season's most stylish fabrics and in all the new autumn shades.

### Ladies' Handsome Box Coats and Walking Coats.

**\$10.00**—For a Well-Tailored London Box Coat of all-wool kersey, in tan, castor, black or blue; lined throughout with self-colored silk and finished with tailor stitching.

**\$15.00**—For Three-Quarter Length English Walking Coats, with tight-fitting backs, coat or storm collar and imported kerseys, in tan, castor, blue, black or brown, lined with guaranteed self-colored satin.

**\$20.00 to \$50.00**—For the immensely popular Automobile Coats, three-quarter or full length; this season's latest fads are represented in our collection; all handsomely finished and made only by first-class man tailors.

## Fashionable Furs—On Second Floor.

All of our fur garments are made to our order by skilled workmen and made of selected skins only.

Guaranteed Electric Seal Jackets, 22 and 24 inch lengths, \$25.00  
Handsome Seal Jackets, 22 inches long, with mink collar and revers, satin lined—\$39.75  
Genuine Parisian Lamb Coats, full skirts, fancy tailoring—\$65.00

Plain French Seal Collarettes, well made and lined, \$7.50  
Best Quality Electric Seal Collarettes, with Parisian yoke, tab and tail trimming—\$8.50  
Black Skunk Collarettes high storm collar, tab and tail trimming—\$13.50

## A Clothing Sacrifice!

Right at the beginning of the season, too! But we're overstocked, and prefer reducing the surplus right now, when the goods are in demand, rather than take chances on selling them later on at the expiration of the season. We're confronted by a condition requiring sacrifices—we've made them. Here they are:

**Waists—Boys' Flannelette**—Shirt Waists, sizes 3 to 12 years, pieced front and back, with 2 to 3 broken Byron collar, regularly sold at 25c—Monday Special—**19c**  
**"Mother's Friend" Shirt Waists**, laundered, some with Byron collar, others with two detached collars, pieced front and back, regularly sold at 25c, 30c and 35c—Monday Special—**19c**  
**Suits—\$3.25 All-Wool Double-Breasted Knee Pant Suits**, for ages 7 to 15, in handsome checks and stripes—**\$2.35**  
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**\$5.00 Combination Suits** for Boys of 13 to 15 years, in blue and checked Scotch tweeds, consists of coat, two pair pants and cap—**\$3.95**  
**\$6.85 Handsome Blue Storm Serge Suits**, also of chevrons and tweeds, in sizes 7 to 15 years—**\$5.75**  
**\$2.50 Boys' Vest Suits**, with fancy double-breasted vest, very neat—**\$1.85**  
**\$4.50 All-Wool Vest Suits**, in sizes 3 to 8 years, of chevrons, fancy mixtures and cassimeres—**\$3.45**

**Reefers—\$2.75 Boys' Frieze and Oxford Reefers**, in sizes 7 to 15 years, at **\$1.65**  
**\$4.45 Boys' Oxford and Frieze Reefers**, in sizes 7 to 15 years, at **\$3.75**  
**\$5.00 Boys' All-Wool Chinchilla Reefers**, with outer collars, sizes 7 to 15 years, at **\$2.95**  
**\$7.95 Boys' Overcoats**, in sizes 9 to 15 years, made of navy blue and black kerseys, a very well-tailored, for **\$5.95**  
**Long Pant Suits—\$6.75 Young Men's and Small Men's Long Pant Suits**, ages 16 to 18 years, of all-wool material, in sizes 36 to 42, at **\$5.95**  
**\$10.00 and \$12.00** qualities of finer material and better make, sizes 36 to 42, at **\$8.50**  
**\$15.00 and \$18.00** regular tailored made suits, for ages 16 to 30 years, at **\$10.50**  
Young men and small men, take advantage of this sale of Overcoats—**\$7.50**  
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**\$9.75 Overcoats at \$7.65**  
**\$12 and \$15 Overcoats at \$10.00**

## Sample Underwear and Hosiery.

**8,218 Pairs of Hosiery!**—Drummers' samples from the new wholesale house at Tenth and Washington—the Ferguson-McKinney Dry Goods Co. These we bought at just 40c on the dollar! Ladies' Black and Colored Cotton, Wool and Fleece-Lined Hose, Ladies' Fancy Striped and Solid Color Cotton and Lisle Hose, Men's Black, Tan and Colored Cotton, Lisle, Wool and Fleece Half Hose, Children's Fast Black and Colored Cotton, Lisle, Wool and Fleece—**all in four lots for Monday:**

Lot 1—worth up to 10c, at **5c**  
Lot 2—worth up to 19c, at **10c**  
Lot 3—worth up to 29c, at **15c**  
Lot 4—worth up to 50c, at **21c**

## Sample Underwear From Rice, Stix & Co.

Their entire sample lines, including warm garments for men, women and children—Men's Wool and Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers, in camel's hair, natural wool and scarlet, Men's Union Suits, Ladies' Black Natural Wool and Camel's-Hair Vests, Pants and Union Suits, Ladies' Fleece-Lined Vests and Pants, Children's and Boys' Camel's Hair, Natural Wool and Fleece-Lined Vests, Pants and Drawers—all in eight splendid lots:

Lot 1—Ladies' and Children's Underwear, worth up to 25c, at **15c**  
Lot 2—Ladies' and Children's Underwear, worth up to 25c, at **29c**  
Lot 3—Ladies' Underwear, worth up to 49c, at **49c**  
Lot 4—Ladies' Fine Underwear, worth up to \$2.00, at **75c**  
Lot 5—Men's Underwear, worth up to 25c, at **25c**  
Lot 6—Men's Underwear, worth up to 35c, at **39c**  
Lot 7—Men's Underwear, worth up to \$1.50, at **59c**  
Lot 8—Men's Underwear, worth up to \$2.00, at **73c**

## Imported Kid Gloves.

Ladies' real French Kid Gloves in tan, mode, white, red, brown and black, handsomely embroidered on the back in black or self-stitching, with 2 clasps or Foster lace fastenings—as a crowd-bringer for Monday, **75c**  
"Premier" Gloves, an elegant real French Kid, every pair made of carefully selected skins, perfect in fit and finish; made in 2 and 3 clasps and Foster lace, in tan, mode, gray, white, cream, red, brown, blue and black, handsomely embroidered in black, white or self-stitching—warranted and fitted at, per pair, **\$1.25**  
Our celebrated "Corinne" Gloves are the best \$1.00 Gloves made, complete assortment of new colors and embroideries, in pique sewn or overseas, dressed or undressed Kid—warranted and fitted Monday at, per pair, **\$1.00**

## Good Shoes Cheap.

We wish to again impress upon the readers of this ad. that our shoes are NOT the flimsy, shapeless kind so generally known as "cheap shoes," but good, honestly made, substantial and stylish footwear of the very highest character—priced to allow only the very smallest possible margin of profit.

**Special—Infants' Soft Sole Shoes**, red, chocolate, tan, pink, black or blue Kid, also Patent Leather Shoes, sizes 1 to 4—worth 50c—Special for Monday, per pair—**19c**  
Ladies' genuine Dongola Lace Shoes, made on the popular Vassar toes, with flexible soles—sold by others at \$1.50—our price—**95c**

Ladies' Vici, Royal, Surpass Kid and Box Calf Lace Shoes, with Kid and patent tips, and flexible or heavy soles—worth \$2.50—Monday, per pair—**\$1.98**  
Ladies' Black, Blue, Brown and Red Patent Shoes, with fur, flexible soles—worth \$1.50—Monday, per pair—**98c**  
Boys' Tan Leather Leggings with 3 straps—Monday, per pair—**98c**  
Boys' and Youths' Satin Casco and Box Calf Lace Shoes, with plump soles, English back-stays and 4 rows of stitching; made on London, pug and coin toes—prices \$1.98, \$1.48 and—**\$1.25**

## Lace Department.

Fancy Lace, in Chantilly, Oriental, Bourdon and Applique, worth up to 35c; choice, Monday—**10c**  
18-inch Accordion-pleated Liberty Silk, of fine quality, in beautiful black and white combinations, others would ask 50c; our price **19c**  
100 pieces of All-Over Laces, suitable for fancy lace waists, yokes or sleeves, black and cream, worth up to \$1.50; choice Monday—**75c**  
Neckwear—Pretty Liberty Silk Ties, 2 yards long and trimmed with July ruchings, really worth 75c; Monday, each—**49c**

## Furs. In Basement.

200 dozen Blackoney Neck Scarfs, with tails, worth \$1.50, at **89c**  
400 Ladies' Collarettes of Blackoney, 18 inches long, full sweep, worth \$2.00, at **\$1.48**  
250 Ladies' Fancy Collarettes of Blackoney, edged all around with chinilla, with large storm collar, worth \$3.50, at **\$1.69**  
200 Fancy Collarettes of Blackoney, with blue fox or storm collar, with large storm collar, worth \$3.98, at **\$2.50**

## Stoves.

**4-Hole Steel Range**—Large oven, asbestos-lined, with warming closet made of Russian iron; a guaranteed baker.  
**Hard Coal Base Burner**—Will heat two rooms, handsomely finished with nickel trimmings; a coal saver.  
**Air-Tight Heater**—For soft coal, will keep fire for 24 hours with one filling; no better or more ornamental stove on the market.  
Not one of the above stoves that isn't worth every cent of \$25.00; Monday we offer you choice, all put up with pipe, for **\$19.50**

## Specials From 8 to 10 A.M.—In Basement

The following items have been specially reduced in price for the above two hours Monday morning. After 10 o'clock original prices will prevail:

**White Goods**—Short lengths of finest plain and Fancy White Goods, regular prices 25c and 35c; one small case during above hours, per yard—**5c**  
**Flannelette**—Best quality Flannelette Wrappers, Flannelette, in desirable colors, regular price 10c; from 8 to 10 at **6 1/2c**  
**Muslin**—High grades of one-yard-wide Bleached Muslin, good value at 10c; from 8 to 10, per yard—**6 1/2c**  
**Outing Flannel**—Just 3 cases of extra good quality, the kind usually sold at 10c—Monday, from 8 to 10, at **6 1/2c**

## Petticoats.

**Mercurized Satteen Petticoats**—In black and colors, umbrella style, with flounces and accordion-pleated flounce, stiffened and corded, worth \$1.25; Monday Price—**\$1.25**  
**Taffeta Silk Petticoats**—Of heavy rustling taffeta, deep accordion-pleated flounce—dust ruffle—like cut—all the new shades and black, worth \$1.50; Monday Price—**\$5.95**

## Curtains and Draperies.

**CURTAIN RODS—1/2-inch Brass Extension Rods**, with silver finished ends and brackets, will extend up to 34 inches—worth 35c—**from 8 to 10 Monday, on third floor, 10c**  
**FINE LACE CURTAINS**—The newest ideas in high-grade Lace Curtains at much below the prices you will find elsewhere.  
Real French Guipure Lace Curtains, in two-joined effects, 2 1/2 yards long and 54 inches wide—worth \$4.00—Monday, per pair—**\$2.50**  
Large 2 1/2-yd Cable Net Lace Curtains, in Rustenberg and Renaissance designs, in 18-ton—worth \$5.50—Monday, per pair—**\$4.50**  
Irish Point Lace Curtains, made on French cable net, 3 1/2 yards long and 50 inches wide, in beautiful corded designs—worth \$6.00—Monday, per pair—**\$6.00**  
Irish Point Lace Curtains, made on 2 1/2-yd bobbing, with rich rustling flounce—worth \$10.00—Monday, per pair—**\$7.50**  
Novelty Guipure and Rustenberg Lace Curtains, in handsome designs—worth \$12.50, at, per pair, **\$8.50**  
Real Irish Point Lace Curtains, with beautiful rustling cord and flounce—worth \$15.00—Monday, per pair—**\$10.50**

## Fashionable Dress Fabrics

**SPECIAL FROM 8 TO 10 A.M.—Full Skirt Pattern**, consisting of 3 yards 52-inch heavy All-Wool or Camel's-Hair Plaid Skirting, in black and white, tan and white, or gray—the actual value is \$4.35—Monday, from 8 to 10, we offer it Monday, will sell only one to a customer at **\$1.50**  
**Black Henrietta**—36 pieces of finest quality 42-inch imported Black Henrietta, with a beautiful cord and flounce, at least 90c—Special Monday price, per yard—**59c**  
**Wool Satin-Finish**—Just 20 pieces of 54-inch All-Wool Satin-Finish, in the newest and most popular mixtures and plain colors; all 56 inches wide, the correct thing for misses' and children's school wear—worth at least 10c—Monday, while they last, per yard—**29c**  
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## Fine New Silks

Bright, crisp, beautiful fabrics, right from the loom, including many that cannot be duplicated elsewhere—reliability and elegance—at moderate price!

**SPECIAL OFFER FROM 8 TO 10 A.M. Monday—42-inch Black Taffeta Silk**—note especially how wide it is and how little is needed for a dress, skirt or waist. The price during the above two hours will be reduced to **59c**

**\$1.25 Black Satin Bayadere Moire**.....  
**\$1.25 Black Moire Voile**.....  
**\$1.00 Remnants of Fancy Silks**.....  
**\$5.00 Colored Hemstitched Lace Taffetas**.....  
**55c Black Armure**, worth \$1.00.....  
**\$2.00 Colored Corded Satins**.....  
**75c Brocade India Silks**, in all shades.....  
**65c Black Taffetas**.....  
**65c Heavy Black Cord Bengaline**.....  
**75c White Brocade India Silks**.....  
**55c Colored Taffetas**.....  
Choice, per yard, **49c**

## A Book Clearance

New stock is coming in very fast. To make room for this new stock, we are closing out all broken lines and odd lots of books. EVERY TABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT IS A BARGAIN TABLE.

**Dickens' Complete Works**—15 volumes, 12mo. cloth, excellent print and paper—per set—**\$2.60**  
**Prescott's "The Conquest of Mexico"**—3 volumes, cloth, 12mo., excellent print and paper—per set—**85c**  
**Prescott's "Ferdinand and Isabella"**.....  
**Uniform with Mexico**.....  
**Motley's "The Rise of the Dutch Republic"**—2 volumes, crown, 8mo. heavy English cloth binding, excellent print and paper—per set—**95c**  
Only one set of each to a customer.

## Table Covers—50 dozen Reversible

Satin-Finished Tapestry and Damask Table Covers, with beautiful borders and Medallion centers, finished with deep tassel fringe.  
\$1.50 Table Covers, 6-ft. size, for **80c**  
\$2.75 Table Covers, 8-ft. size, for **\$1.75**  
\$3.25 Table Covers, 10-ft. size, for **\$1.98**  
\$4.00 Table Covers, 12-ft. size, for **\$2.98**